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Wants Curb on Power of CIA

Editor, Gazette:

Recently, your editorial, "FBI and CIA" (Oct. 27), has come to my attention. I thought it very good, and, I might add, quite courageous in view of the ever more strenuous efforts of certain powerful elements in our society to stifle dissent and opposition to certain of our cold-war policies and foreign ventures. The theme which you, of a necessity, touched lightly upon, needs expounding upon.

I was especially pleased with your making (in your closing paragraph) the most salient point to be made in all this business: "... Why continue to allow the CIA to cause trouble for our government?" Why, indeed! Why should the CIA be allowed to foment strife and discord in foreign countries? To topple duly-constituted governments? To place, and/or maintain in power cruel, repressive regimes? To meddle in the affairs of other governments? All good questions! Why (as you also ask) isn't the CIA restrict-

ed to the original intentions in the formation of the agency, i.e., the gathering and evaluating of intelligence from foreign sources? Yes, why?

As it stands, the CIA seems responsible to no one. It operates arbitrarily, capriciously, and in great secrecy; it undertakes extremely danger-laden provocative actions. And in so doing it makes foreign policy to no small degree; it commits our government to certain precarious courses of action, at times. Quite conceivably, it could plunge the world into a great, unwanted war. (Nation-inflaming "incidents" are so easily arranged.)

For the good of our nation for the sake of the rest of the world, the CIA should be thoroughly investigated — and curbed. It's high time some highly placed, responsible people started riding herd on this obstreperous, government-unto-itself agency.

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